

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Woody Hunt of Cumberland University on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing the winningest active coach in college baseball history, Coach Woody Hunt of Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hunt has announced his plans to retire following the 2021 campaign, which marks his forty-first season as Cumberland's head baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hunt leaves behind an indelible legacy and an extensive list of accomplishments that will long stand unsurpassed; and

WHEREAS, he has led Cumberland to three NAIA national titles, two national runner-up finishes, twelve total trips to the NAIA World Series, twenty regular-season conference championships, and 1,608 victories that place him first among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hunt has coached and developed sixty-four NAIA All-Americans, and ninety-nine of his players have played professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, it comes as no surprise that a coach of his caliber has received numerous honors, including seventeen Coach of the Year awards, the Pat Summitt Lifetime Achievement Award, the Fred Russell Distinguished American Award, and induction into six halls of fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hunt has made a lasting impression both as a coach and a leader of young men, and his legacy goes far beyond the game of baseball; and

WHEREAS, he has prepared his players to succeed in life after their days on the diamond, and he has emphasized the importance of community service as part of a well-rounded life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Woody Hunt is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his faithful partner and wife of forty-eight years, Irma Hunt; his sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Gina Hunt and Ryan and Melissa Hunt; and his grandchildren, Eli, Noah, Easton, Rylee, and Lyla; and

WHEREAS, throughout forty-one seasons and 1,608 wins at Cumberland, Coach Hunt has excelled both as a coach and mentor, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Coach Woody Hunt of Cumberland University on the occasion of his retirement, recognize him as one of the greatest baseball coaches of all time, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.